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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 11, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 11, line 12, delete "has" and insert therefor --hash--.

Page 12, line 30, delete "encode" and insert therefor --leave--.

Page 15, line 2, delete "be".

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